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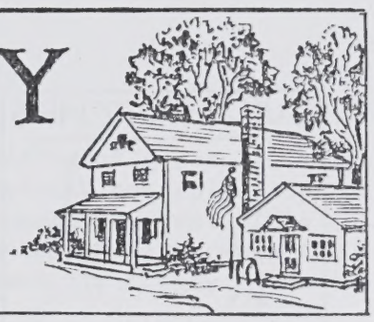


November, 1975

O U R T O W N

Repairs on East End of Route 23

The east end of Route 23 has been oiled, gravelled and repaired. This work is now completed until they put the blacktop on next year.

New Truck Acquired by Town

The Town of Monterey now has a new dump truck with a plow on it. This was purchased in accordance with the vote at the Town Meeting.

Officers Appointed by Monterey Historical Commission

The Monterey Historical Commission held an organizational meeting on October 21. Mr. A. Wallace Tryon was elected Chairman and Mr. John I. Carlson Secretary. Other members of the Commission are Mrs. Henry Makuc, Miss Edith L. Wilson and Mr. Sheldon E. Fenn. The Commission will be functioning under Section 8D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts.

Brookbend Apartments Nearing Completion

Robert and Jill Ensign advise us that their exhaustive renovation of the former Brookbend Inn is nearing completion, well within the estimated eighteen months. There will be continuing improvements through the years.

According to the Ensigns, the enterprise has been "fascinating, educational, at times traumatic and even frightening, but always interesting." They have shared their temporary quarters with an elusive racoon, have stepped across a two-story drop to get downstairs and have bathed while looking through a gaping hole to the great outdoors -- to name just a few of the adversities. They claim that the reason the Southern Berkshires had such a mild winter last year was that they were heating the whole territory from Brookbend.

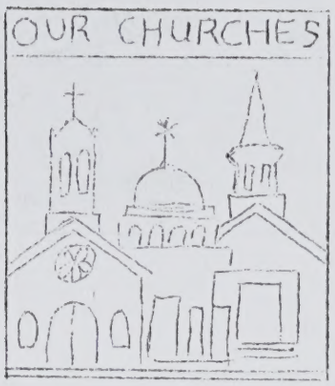
But Jill and Robert Ensign have survived all this and will have some apartments available in a few weeks. The apartments are three and four rooms. The expectation is that Brookbend will be a quiet, gracious residence for adults. Many services will be offered, not ordinarily included in apartment buildings. These amenities are made possible by the Ensigns' residence in the building and full-time availability. The grounds which border on the Konkapot River and the Village Park will be open for the use of the tenants for gardening, picnicking or just plain loafing.

The Ensigns are grateful to the many friends in Monterey who have given them much needed advice and encouragement -- and substantial material aid as well. They feel that Monterey is blessed with an abundance of people who "do unto others..."

Winter Hours for Sanitary Landfill

The hours for use of the Monterey Sanitary Landfill in the winter months are as follows:

Sunday:	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Tuesday:	closed
Wednesday:	12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday:	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday:	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Church School at 10:30 a.m. . . . Confirmation Class at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Day of Fast — The Parish Council is encouraging the families of the parish to observe the Day of Fast on Thursday, November 20. This is sponsored by the Ox-Fam organization. The purpose is to help people become more aware of the critical food shortage in the world, to ask people of conscience to give more care to their own use of food and to help form social policies to alleviate the food shortage. The church will receive such money saved from observing the Day of Fast on Sunday, November 23, Thanksgiving Sunday, and will send it to Ox-Fam for direct relief to famine victims.

Day of Rededication on November 30 — A Day of Rededication is set for our church on the first Sunday in Advent, November 30. In particular, it will be a time of celebrating the restoration of the sanctuary as a part of our bicentennial project. The Day of Rededication, being the first day of the new Church Year, is also seen as a time for renewing our life as a people of faith and hope. A special committee was named by the Parish Council to plan for the day.

OUR NEW ENGLAND TREES

The woods around Monterey are no more than half a century old. They are crisscrossed by stone walls that speak of times when the land had been cleared for pastures and fields. Now the trees cover again much of that land, and only an occasional gnarled apple tree, a neglected lilac bush bear witness to earlier days. New England elms shaded many homes until a few years ago when a disease began to strike down the majestic trees, but I can't recall seeing an elm in the woods. If they had been part of an earlier forest, they have never become reestablished.

Our New England forests are truly mixed forests. Chokecherries, pine and gray birch are among the first saplings to spring up in an abandoned field. The birches are short-lived; in a young forest their mouldering trunks provide food for the hardwoods that supplant them. Red and white oaks grow side by side with sugar maples. Red maples like to be near the water. Small mountain maples and striped moosewood maples line trails and logging roads.

A blight wiped out the chestnut trees years ago, but shoots continue to spring up from the old rootstocks, bear an occasional seedburr and become blighted again when they reach a certain height. The smooth gray trunks of beeches alternate with the shaggy bark of an occasional hickory. Hemlocks from small foot-high seedlings to stately giants find a foothold most anywhere. Their somber color is strongly contrasted by the white bark of paper birches. Poplars and aspens prefer the sun-drenched edges of the forest; so does shadbush and staghorn sumac. Willows line brooks and streams, but tamaracks move off to the side into boggy spots. Yellow birches reflect sunlight from bronzed trunks. Sassafras displays leaves of many shapes and sizes. An ironwood, hard as its name, grows in isolated spots.

Our forests delight us with the variety of their trees, each characterized by its own specific blossom, leaf, seed, bark and shape. The root systems help the thin New England soil to capture much of the water of the spring snow thaws, the summer storms, the fall rains. Trees temper our climate, acting as windbreakers during the winter, giving shade and coolness in summer. They provide home and food for a myriad of creatures, from the smallest mite to the stately deer. Without trees we would have no newspapers, no books to read. Woodburning fireplaces provide warmth and cheer on the coldest night. Our houses, our furniture are made of wood.

Soon we will go out to cut a Christmas tree. It will be the symbol of our faith in the endurance and renewal of life. Man or tree, we are bound to the soil, the air and the light from which we take our sustenance.

Loul McIntosh
Gould Farm

WHAT TIPS THE SCALES IN YOUR LIFE?

Lately I've found myself wondering a good bit about how differently people view the things that influence their lives. Some people seem so totally controlled by outside events; some seem so impervious to the things that happen to them. It's curious, don't you think, that some people's happiness or unhappiness appears to depend almost entirely on the things, pleasant or unpleasant, that they encounter. Yet what is it that makes others far less susceptible to ups or downs going on around them? Solve the secret of this and surely you will have penetrated an important factor in the formation of human personality.

In general, the younger a child is, the more his well-being depends on those around him. The baby is in total dependence on others. We cannot generalize as easily on the other side of the scale. Some people, as they grow older, seem to gain a degree of immunity from the power of external events. Others, regardless of the years they add to their lives, appear to be as vulnerable to environmental conditions as they were early in life. I wonder why?

This whole phenomenon is enough to provoke me to wonder what sort of a process human life is anyway? Is the loosening of this dependency on the external an accidental thing that happens to some? And when this loosening doesn't happen, is that accidental too? Is this an attribute that can be communicated from one person to another? If it can be communicated, how is it done?

I have been watching a person for a number of months who went to a nursing home -- waiting for what? She knew, as surely as many another has known, that the great majority of persons in nursing homes simply wait there until the hour of death comes. This is such a powerful external event that a large percentage of the persons spending months or years in nursing homes incorporate a lifeless mood as the style in which they pass their days. It seemed that this person with a spirit of irrepressible cheer had finally met her match. At first the surroundings in which she found herself seemed to swallow her up. Yet bit by bit I have been watching this contagious quality of cheerfulness emerge. By now it is quite clear that she has not been overcome by the external conditions in which she finds herself. Rather, that indefinable quality within her is calling the shots. She is not being determined by what is outside her, but by an inner power which finds ways to surmount whatever gloomy signals she may pick up all around her.

In the counseling room I have people come to me who are torn to pieces over the things that are happening to them. They see the loss of job, or loss of wife, or disappointment in a son or daughter as shattering experiences. No one should pretend that we could be human and remain untouched by such dramas occurring around us. But what is it that enables some persons to rise surely and steadily above the tragedy that happens to them? And what is it that makes others so totally dependent for their well-being on whether or not "good things" are going on in the world around them?

I see this victory over the "tyranny of the external" happening before my very eyes as I meet with people over a period of time. It comes through loud and clear. Yet I have no formula. I have no magic words. I have no way of saying, "I will make it happen with this person." With some it does not happen, no matter how much I might wish it might. Regarding both sets of people I find myself musing, "I wonder why? What is tipping the scales so that some overcome the tyranny of the external and some do not?"

Most certainly, St. Paul was giving a description of this same phenomenon when he wrote these words: "Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or attacked... For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angel, nor prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Clearly, St. Paul was describing this quality as something that might flow from one's relationship to Christ. Yet any honest reporting would have to recognize that it is not an automatic benefit that comes to the Christian. Honesty would also have to recognize that this victory over the tyranny of the external lies in people who make no claim to being Christian.

This is an area in which I wish I could talk personally with a lot of people about their experience in overcoming the tyranny of the external. Since this is not possible, I would heartily welcome letters to myself or letters to the editor telling of your knowledge of this dimension in others or your own experiences as you have grappled to gain "a power within that is stronger than the power without."

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club

We are starting out this year making recipes using apples. This is the season for plenty of apples. The first week we made Swedish Apple Pie, the second week Apple Bread Pudding and the third Apple Betty.

Kristine Heath, Junior Leader

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club

Our last meeting was held on November 3. The club decided to have two display tables for Achievement Night. There will be a workshop for this November 19 at 7:00 p.m. to get these ready. A test was given to the club members on the parts of a horse.

Christine Papp, News Reporter

Lick'em & Stick'em Stamp Club

The stamp club held its election of officers for the coming year. President - William Bynack; Vice-President - Kenny Heath; Junior Leader - Shawn Ryder. The club has been working on a stamp map of the Boston area for Achievement Night.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group sponsored the annual Halloween Party on October 31 in the church social room. A business meeting was held on November 2. On November 9 the members held a swimming party and on November 16 a bowling party.

NURSING HOME PARTY

The Nursing Home, along with the Girl Scouts, held a Halloween Party for children through 12 years of age on October 29. Awards for costumes were given out as follows:

Age Group 1 to 6	Age 7 to 12
Prettiest - Michelle Grotz	Prettiest - Ellen Whitbeck
Funniest - Eliza Plotnick	Funniest - Jimmy Gauthier
Scariest - Annison Meglio	Scariest - Donald Whitbeck
Most Original - Doug Brown	Most Original - Hannah Pedersen

The special Nursing Home Award for overall costume in age group 1 to 6 went to Scottie Sheridan and in age group 7 to 12 the award went to Arthur Boger.

BOY SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts are holding their meetings at the home of Mrs. Marie O'Connor. Their leader is Mrs. Irene Smith of Mill River and her assistant is Mrs. Marie O'Connor. Meetings are held every Friday afternoon right after school. The boys have been working on the Indian theme. They have made headpieces, tom-toms and have learned archery. New members in the Den are Keith Amstead, David Smith and Stephen Phillips. The Pack Meeting this month will be November 21 in the church social room. The following are receiving awards: Bob Cat - Daniel Labrecque, Scott Thompson, Robert Sluka, Charles Anstett, Keith Amstead, David Smith and Stephen Phillips; Wolf - Dennis O'Connor; 3 Silver Arrows - Kurt Callahan. Next month's theme is "Cub Scouts Give Good Will."

The Webelos have been busy working on their Aquanaut and Athletic Badges. At the Pack Meeting Patrick Hall will receive his Bob Cat Award.

GIRL SCOUTS

For the month of October the Brownies have taken a walk and collected leaves. Following their meeting the girls pressed the leaves. They also made turkeys out of cardboard rolls for Thanksgiving. During the month of November Mrs. Elisabeth Pizzichemi will take the Brownies for Mrs. Bradley. The girls will be making home-made play dough. From the dough they will be making beads to string and also figurines.

All Brownies have Girl Scout calendars for sale at 60¢ apiece.

Mrs. Labrecque, the Junior leader, has helped the girls complete badges that were started in the spring. The Bicycle Badge has been finished.

The Cadettes were in charge of the Halloween Party for the small children in the library basement on October 31. The girls are working on the My Country Badge. They will be visiting the Kolburne School in New Marlboro on November 18. A Bicentennial program has been planned, with square dancing and costumes of the era.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP FOR ALL MONTEREY CHILDREN -- DECEMBER 5 RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

The Christmas Workshop is sponsored by all leaders of the various youth groups in Monterey. Boys and girls from the age of 6 on up are invited to come and make Christmas decorations and small gifts. No charge.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

On an exceedingly wet weekend in October (the 18th and 19th) about 35 people, in addition to the resident group, gathered to attend meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors. The Corporation, called the William J. Gould Associates, met Saturday morning to elect associates and directors. Two incumbents, James Hawks of Boston and Mrs. Christine Harris of Jefferson, Maine, whose terms had expired, were re-elected. Mrs. Tryntje Hawks also was made an associate. Five incumbent directors were re-elected. One new director was named, Matthew Dempsey, Jr. of Great Barrington. The five are Dr. James L. Adams, Cambridge, James Hawks, Mrs. Margaret Larter, Lowell, Mrs. Rose McKee, Gould Farm and the Rt. Rev. Anson P. Stokes, Jr., Brookline.

In the afternoon session Kent Smith gave the annual Executive Director's Report. He then introduced three staff members, Joe Burkholder, Cory Loder and Virgil Stucker. Each gave a graphic description of the work he covers. Those listening said they had never in recent years been so well informed and so inspired about the program. It was an enthusiastic audience.

The directors met Sunday afternoon and elected their Executive Committee, which functions between meetings of the Board. They studied the report of the Treasurer, Edward Dunlop, and received other committee reports. The next regular meeting will be in early February.

By the time this issue of the MONTEREY NEWS is circulated the Cory Loder family will have welcomed their third child, whom they have named Kip Matthew. At the age of nine months he flew from Seoul, Korea, his home, to Kennedy Airport. His new father and mother and two small sisters take great pleasure in his coming.

New staff members include Mrs. Virginia Toohey from Chebague Island, Maine, who came to take charge of the indoor work program. Two more members of the Brethren Volunteer Services have joined us for eleven months. They are Jan Cassel of Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Ineke Drees of the Netherlands.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Neighbors' Night and Competitive Night were observed at the November 5 meeting. Great Barrington Grange, with a Singing School theme, was edged out by Monterey Grange, with Annette Nelson as Captain. Their theme was The Last Chance Railroad Station. Judges were Russell Bancroft, Master of Chesterfield Grange and Eva Bond and Marie Durbin from Williamsburg Grange. There were 32 members and 56 guests present. Visiting state officers were Vernon West, Overseer of Massachusetts State Grange, Pomona Deputy Earl Bond, Subordinate Deputy Maurice Brazie, and Henry Eggenberger, a member of the State Agriculture Committee, who presented the Lecturer, Mary Wallace, with a $15.00 check for 2nd prize in her Agriculture Report. Peter Martin, of the Conservation Committee, was also present. Winners of the raffle were: turkey - Maurice Brazie; groceries - Gil McCormick from Stockbridge; and "cheer" - Mrs. Garofolo from Colebrook, Connecticut. Ethel Warner and Eva Jespersen were in charge of refreshments, which were delightful.

The next meeting will be November 19. It will be Thanksgiving and Grandparents' Night.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

On October 27 we met at the home of Ruth Carr. We reported on the activities of the summer and made plans for our programs for the next few months. We asked for volunteers for a clean-up day at the church. On the following Thursday five of us met at the church and cleaned the kitchen and cupboards in the basement.

On Monday, December 15, at 8:00 p.m. we will meet at the home of Marie Brallier for our Christmas program. We invite all who are interested to share in this time of fellowship.

Marie Brallier
Chairman

4-H NEWS

Community Club, Greenthumbs, & Wooly, Feather Fur Farmers

The combined clubs met on October 17 and voted to have three exhibit tables at Achievement Night. Achievement night will be at the town hall in Otis on Friday, November 21 at 7:30. Awards will be given for completed projects. At the October 17 meeting club members signed up for the coming year's projects. There is new interest this year in Rocketry and Small Engines, as well as Color and Design.

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TO CHURCH SOCIAL ROOM USERS: The church social room and kitchen have been nicely cleaned and put in order by a group of churchwomen. Rules for the use of the rooms are being posted by the door, to be observed by organizations desiring to continue using the rooms. It is hoped that this will make for greater convenience and efficiency, as well as greater harmony between the various groups.

The key and scheduling will be in charge of Robert Ensign, at Brookbend. If he cannot be reached, Dr. Brallier, Kelly Janes and the Hadley Simons also have keys.

Regular users of the social room are being notified of the change. Any others should apply to Robert Ensign.

HELP WANTED: The Board of Selectmen is looking for a person to clean the Town Offices on a regular basis. All applications considered. Contact Thomas F. Bradley at 528-3782.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: The staff of the MONTEREY NEWS is overcome with delight at the response to our appeal. Whether you gave $1 or $25 (and there was anequal number at both ends) you gave us a sense of support and encouragement to our work. Again we say, "Thank you, readers, thank you," and this month particularly to: Mr. Newman Abercrombie and Mrs. Julius Miner, Mrs. Earl C. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. John F. Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Dean Amidon, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Amidon, Mr. Peter Anderson, Jean W. Armstrong, Mr. Joe Baker & Bonner McAllester, Col. Lawrence Bolvig, Mr. Sigmund H. Bronstein, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Buchanan, Mr. & Mrs. John T. Camp, Mr. Paul Carnese, Mrs. Clarence Carr, Rev. & Mrs. Edward Chipman, Mrs. Madeleine Coleman, Mrs. Fred Cummings, Mrs. E. P. Davis, Mr. Robert J. Donelan, Mrs. Elizabeth Dreher, Dr. Alfred Emmel, Miss Rosemary Farrar, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Fijux, Janet Flory, Marjorie Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Germain, Mr. Edward J. Green, Mr. Robert Hardisty, Mr. Jack Hargis, Mr. Harold Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Heath, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hebe, Mr. George B. Helmrich, Rev. H. B. Hinchcliff, Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Kern, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Kimberley, Mrs. Clarence Kinne, Mr. George Kisselbrock, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lancome, Mr. Joseph Lanoue, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd McKay, Mrs. Sidney McKee, Miss Marjorie McLaughlin, Mr. Alfred Materas, Mrs. Martin J. Mellon, Mr. George Mensi, Mr. & Mrs. John Perry Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mollé, Mr. E. W. Moreton, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mott, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Olds, Miss Judith Oplinger, Mrs. Eugene Ormandy, Mrs. Curtis Paine, Mr. Daniel Parker, Mr. Marcel Pasche, Mr. William Passeggio, Mrs. Richard Patton, Mr. & Mrs. Mortimer Pearl, Mr. & Mrs. James Pearson, Mrs. Charles Peet, Mr. Louis Potter, Mrs. Lillian Preiss, Mrs. Emilio Rigali, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rotondo, Rev. & Mrs. Howard Schomer, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Seitz, Mr. Jacob Sharefkin, Mrs. Helen Shaw, Rev. Kent Smith, Miss Ruth Hays Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thorn, Miss Nina Tryon, Henrietta Countess von Moy, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Rev. W. Raymond Ward, Margaret W. Wheeler, Mrs. Fred C. White, Mrs. Burke Wilkinson, Mrs. Lawrence Wilkinson, Mrs. Harold Winchester, Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Wocel, Miss Mary R. Wocel, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Wool.

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